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LB 541, 840, 840A
LR 251

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, LB 840 is the companion bill with the bill introduced by the Appropriations Committee which, in its original form, would have totally cash funded the Certificate of Need process in the Department of Health to the tune of about 200 and...well, 300,000 dollars, the bill in its original form. You'll remember that we amended that bill on General File to change it so it was no longer totally cash funded, but you remember what we did there was in its present form the fees ranged from 500 to 2,500 and generate 20 to 30 thousand dollars. Our General Fund, with our General...the original bill would have raised \$300,000 and raised the base fee from 500 to 5,000. Our General File amendment put the base fee at a thousand. Anything over that was pegged on .25 percent of the cost of the project and so now instead of, to make a long story short, you no longer going to totally cash fund the CON process, but you are going to significantly raise the cash fund authority and so what the A bill does is simply raise the authority from 20,000 up to 130,000. That's the anticipated amount that we think we're going to collect in fees in LB 840. Now you will notice when we get to LB 541 there will be an amendment brought forth by the committee which will deal with general funds because when you're no longer cash funding the project, to sustain the operation over there, you still need some money in there, but this A bill is only the cash fund component that goes with LB 840 and attempts to snively increase the percentage of that CON process that is funded by those who use it and so, with that, I'd ask for advancement of the A bill, which is strictly cash funds.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Discussion on 840A. Seeing none, we will now vote on the advancement of LB 840A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 840A.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 840A advances. We'll now proceed...you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. LR 251 is a resolution by Senator Witek. It's a resolution that the Legislature will consider at